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RANGERS IN NEED OF NEW RECRUITS

Force Is Now Four Men Shy—Not Required to Be Dead Shots Says Captain

There are vacancies in the ranger force, for the Arizona Rangers are lacking four men and Captain Wheeler is willing to fill the vacancy on the shortest possible notice, says a territorial exchange. In fact he is extremely desirous of filling the vacancies immediately, says a Tucson paper.

It has long been a general supposition that it is necessary to be a "dead shot" to get on the force. However, this theory has been shot full of holes by the statement of Captain Wheeler, who says that he wants straight, reliable men. He adds that the shooting part of a ranger's duty will be taught quick enough.

It is not to be supposed from these statements that there are no applicants; such an impression is very erroneous. "We have had applications in great number, but the right men are still lacking," remarked Captain Wheeler to the Star last evening.

Consequently, the field is still open for any person who wishes to take a taste of "wild west" life and who can come up to the qualifications demanded by the ranger chief.

Discussing the recent report that many stray horses were being found, Captain Wheeler said that a bunch of rangers will round up these horses and they will be returned to their rightful owners. It is the general belief that many of the horses hurled fences and by this means got away from their general pastures.

Acting under the ranger captain in the northern part of the territory is Lieutenant William Olds, well known in Tucson, who formerly lived in Santa Cruz.

With a squad of five men he will go into the section of Arizona beyond the big Grand Canyon and endeavor to rid the country of the thieves and cattle rustlers who infest that section and who are really bad men, and who would not hesitate for an instant to kill a ranger if they were offered a chance.

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About three years ago a farmer named Pitt Pasifer struck a rich pocket of gems on his farm near Mont Apatite, Auburn, Me. There were tourmaline, beryl, and apatite crystals which were sold for a good price to Harvard University. Now another rich pocket has been found and a fine deposit of beryl and aquamarine gems uncovered. Some boys also ran across a rich deposit of the same gems. At the base of the key-vein were found some fine hercynite specimens. It is generally believed that Mont Apatite is a mountain of gems, and a company is being formed to work it systematically.

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The present craze for the swastika as an article of adornment has provided the public with an entirely new topic of conversation. Everybody is asking what the swastika is, where it originated and how it came to be the fashion so suddenly, and nine people out of ten will say it is a North American Indian good luck emblem which has come into fashion just as Indian bead work, Indian baskets, hand hammered silver bracelets and necklaces and a dozen other specimens of Indian handicraft have become popular in America. The tenth person will say it is a Japanese (or Chinese) character meaning good luck, and right there the argument which makes the subject interesting will begin. As a matter of fact, neither theory is correct, for the swastika is of prehistoric origin and no one really knows when and where it was first used.

The work swastika is Sanskrit and means happiness, pleasure, good luck, and the symbol which the word represents dates from remotest antiquity. The swastika is the most ancient of the many forms of the cross and is found in almost all parts of the globe. It was a mystic symbol used by several East Indian sects and was equally well known by Brahmins and Buddhists. The Buddhists regarded it as a holy and sacred symbol and it appears in the famous "footprints of Buddha." It is seen on vases and pottery of Rhodes and Etruria in the mural decorations of ancient Troy, in sculpture and pottery of India, China and Japan, upon Greek cases, in Aztec stone carving and in American Indian textile and pottery designs. Its use is distributed through Great Britain, Scandinavia, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, southwestern Europe, Persia, Armenia, Egypt, north-eastern Africa, India, Thibet, China, Korea, Japan, the United States, Central America, Brazil and the Argentine Republic. Historically it was first attested on coins of Kranando about 350 B. C., but its origin must have been centuries earlier.

The swastika is believed to be involved in the great question of the scattering of the Aryan race. It is believed by some to be the oldest Aryan symbol and is supposed to have appeared in the Orient and to have moved westward. Its appearance in Aztec remains and its use at the present day among the Indian tribes of the United States opens up a problem in anthropology that is of absorbing interest to students, since it serves as a connecting link between the oldest civilizations of the old world, and the so-called aborigines of the new world.

The real and original significance of the swastika is as little known as its origin and the explanation of the symbol differs according to the race using it. The general idea of good rather than evil fortune seems always to have been attached to it, however. The American Indians believe wearing the swastika will ward off sickness and misfortune, and they use it in the negative sense as a preventative agency rather than actively as a bestower of good luck and happiness, as it seems to have been used by other people. Some writers say the emblem of Zeus, Baal, the sun, the sun god, the sun chariot of Agni, the fire god, Indra, the rain god, the sky, the sky god, light or the god of light, lightning, water and finally the great Jehovah. Others think it was used to represent Brahma, Vishnu, Siva, the Creator, preserver, destroyer and still others that it stood for Jupiter, Tonans and Pluvius of the Latins and for Thor of the Scandinavians, but all agree that it has been erroneously considered a variety of the Thor hammer or Tau cross.

Students have speculated and theorized about the swastika for the last two centuries, and beyond the fact that it has been in use almost since the beginning of time by some nations and with some significance, little definite knowledge has been gained. Burnouf's definition of the swastika—"a monogrammatic sign of benediction of good augury"—will therefore stand until someone discovers its origin and true meaning and traces its progress step by step through the various branches of the human race. Meanwhile the public will continue to buy and wear the quaint amulets and all sorts of uses will be made of them until Dame Fashion wearies of them and turns her attention to something new.

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GEESSE ALARMED TOWN

Wild Fowl, Driven to Earth, Astonished Sleepy Burglars

One of those peculiar freaks of the elements that occur only at long intervals took place the other night, causing what many believed for a time was a shower of wild fowl. A steady snowstorm prevailed during the day, followed late at night by a heavy electrical storm. Amid the heavy downpour of rain there was a drop of twenty degrees in temperature and a large flock of geese driven to earth by the currents in the air and attracted by the lights of the city, alighted in the streets or went hissing, quacking and cackling about as if bedlam had broken loose.

Many of the residents who were suddenly awakened by the unearthly noise were driven almost to the verge of panic and are no longer skeptical when they hear the story of the cackling of geese awaking the sleeping residents of Rome and saving the city. The wild fowl were quietly swimming about the little ponds in the adjacent fields and on the bosom of the Juniata river next morning.—Philadelphia Press.

An Ancient Bank

It has been discovered that attached to the ancient temple at Nineveh there used to be a kind of public record office in which it was customary to deposit important legal and other documents. Among these, the other day, there was discovered official statements as to the history and transactions of the eminent banking house of Egidu at Nineveh. Assyrian chronology proves that these refer to a date about 2,300 before the Christian era, when Abraham dwelt at Ur of the Chaldees, as is stated in Genesis. This firm, then, may be regarded as the oldest bank in the world, at least the oldest of which the world has or is likely to have any record. The accounts are said to be voluminous, and cover the transactions of five generations of the firm from father to son. They show that the bank grew steadily in importance during this period and attained great wealth, for it succeeded in securing from the ruler the appointment of the collectors of taxes. Afterwards it is shown that this bank farmed the revenues of several of the Assyrian provinces.

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Beauties of Jail

A story is going the rounds about a lawyer who, realizing his criminal clients had a hopeless case, induced them to plead guilty. He told them of the advantages of prison; how they would be taught a trade, and could make extra money by overtime; how they would be educated, and, altogether, made the attractions of the place seem so glowing that other prisoners in the jail also pleaded guilty, so that they might reap these advantages. As a matter of fact, quite a good deal of excellent work has been turned out in jail. Oscar Wilde wrote his best poem in Reading jail. John Bunyan wrote "Pilgrim's Progress" there, and Cervantes wrote part of "Don Quixote" in the same peaceful quiet. Because DeFoe was locked up for his pamphlet, "The Shortest Way With Dissenters," he found time to lay the plans of "Robinson Crusoe." Leigh Hunt wrote "Rimini" in jail, and Sir Walter Raleigh, during the imprisonment in the tower of London, turned out his "History of the World." Tasso and Silvio Pellico both found the air of a jail conducive to literary endeavor.

An Aged American

In London there works an American, Sydney Talbot, a tugboat captain, who has spent most of his life in England. He was taken to the hospital recently suffering from a slight accident, and he declared that although he was ninety-eight years old, this was the first definite he had ever had in his life. The physicians who attended him were interested in his case, and wanted to make provisions for his old age, so that he would not have to return to work, but he declared that he was going back to run his tug, and that he felt good for six or seven years yet. He is not a teetotaler, but has always been temperate in the use of liquor and tobacco. He says he sees no reason why he should not live for some time yet, as his father was 106, his mother 105, and his sister 102 when they died.—Washington Herald.

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